



21st March 2003

The Morgan Crucible Company plc

Office of International Corporate Finance Division of Corporation Finance Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549



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Re: The Morgan Crucible Company plc – File No. 82-3387

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed material is furnished pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) on behalf of The Morgan Crucible Company plc (the 'Company'), File No.82-3387.

Such material shall not be deemed to be 'filed' with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 'Act').

The furnishing of any such material shall not constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Act.

Sincerely,

Tracey Bigmore Manager, Company Secretariat



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ISSUER

The Morgan Crucible Company plc

FILE NO. 82-3387

Company TIDM Headline Released

Number

Morgan Crucible Co PLC MGCR Holding(s) in Company 14:45 20 Mar 2003 0111J

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

- 1) Name of company: The Morgan Crucible Company plc
- Name of shareholder having a major interest: Schroder Investment Management Limited



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- 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18:

 Beneficial and non-beneficial interest of the shareholder named in 2 and its subsidiaries.
- Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them: Chase Nominees Limited A/C 03886 726,000 shares; Chase Nominees Limited 898,034 shares; Chase Manhattan Bank 185,275 shares; Nutraco Nominees Ltd A/C GWPPMPS 245,110 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd 301,415 shares; State Street Nominees Limited A/C 5H57 942,400 shares; Morgan Nominees Ltd A/C CCC 249,926 shares; Morgan Nominees Ltd 1,364,292 shares; Bank of New York 769,000 shares; BT Globenet Nominees Ltd A/C 6B 1,188,277 shares; Nortrust Nominees Limited 6,893,597 shares; Imperial Pensions Nominees Ltd 1,500,000 shares; Schroder Nominees Limited 9,729,682 shares; Chase Nominees Limited 3,225,418 shares.
- 5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired: N/A
- 6) Percentage of issued class: N/A
- 7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed: N/A
- 8) Percentage of issued class: N/A
- 9) Class of Security: Ordinary shares of 25p
- 10) Date of Transaction: Not known
- 11) Date company informed:
 Faxed letter dated 20/3/03 received 20/3/03
- 12) Total holding following this notification: 28,218,426 shares
- 13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification: 12.163%

- 14) Any additional information:
 Not known
- 15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries: Mr D.J. Coker, Company Secretary tel. 01753 837222
- Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification:
 Mr D.J. Coker
- 17) Date of notification: 20th March 2003

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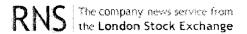
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The Morgan Crucible Company plc 82-3387

Company TIDM Headline Released Number Morgan Crucible Co PLC MGCR Disposal 07:00 21 Mar 2003 0267.J

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Sale of Certain Soft Coatings Processing Facilities to Curtiss Wright

The Morgan Crucible Company plc has reached agreement to dispose of the business and assets of six of its Engineered Soft Coatings facilities, owned by Morgan Chemical Products Inc, in the United States to Metal Improvement Company, Inc, a subsidiary of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. The sale is made on a debt and cash free basis, for a total consideration of US\$21.0 million, (£13.5 million) of which US\$16.7 million (£10.7 million) will be paid in cash at closing with the balance from receivables.

The Coatings facilities being sold comprise net assets of approximately US\$10.3 million (£6.6 million) and in the year ended 4 January 2003 generated operating profit of US\$ 3.3 million (£2.1 million). They apply specialist engineered coatings to products for a variety of industries.

The proceeds from the disposal will be used by Morgan to reduce Group net debt, which was £251.6 million at 4 January 2003.

Warren Knowlton, Morgan's Chief Executive, commented:

"Following the successful refinancing of Morgan announced recently, our immediate focus remains on cash management and the programme of cost reduction that is already well advanced. This disposal is the first step in our programme of non-core business disposals, aimed at reducing group debt, announced last year"

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